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Relates to Item 9 on the July 17, 2012 Agenda
Updated Facility Relocation Policy

Agenda Item 9 on today's agenda is a board letter that describes the framework for an updated Facility Selection Policy, per the Board of Supervisor's (Board) direction on September 7, 2010. The core opportunity of updating the Facility Selection Policy is to provide staff with a clearer framework and criteria for evaluating potential locations for the placement of Los Angeles County's (County) various leased buildings and capital projects.

The proposal thoughtfully incorporates some of the criteria utilized by the Federal, State and Los Angeles City governments, which will provide a more comprehensive framework for weighing the variety of elements that should be considered when placing a municipal building.

However, one issue that is critically missing from this framework is a clear cut mandate to place central government functions, including the headquarters of Departments, in locations that are centrally located downtown or have excellent public transit access, and are thereby accessible to the variety of constituents and County staff that may need to travel to and from anywhere throughout the 4,000 square miles of the County to access services. This also reinforces the Board's substantial investment in the County's public transit network and commitment to sustainability.

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The attached amended Facility Selection Policy incorporates much of the framework of the Chief Executive Officer's original proposal, while specifying the importance of cost and budget considerations, as well as a clear policy for placing central and regional government functions. Specifically, instead of differentiating facilities by "service function categories", this updated framework categorizes facilities by service area (i.e. facilities which serve the entire County, facilities which serve a specific sub-region of the County, and facilities which serve a site-specific location need). The changes from the original policy are underlined.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Adopt the attached alternative Facility Selection Policy for the Chief Executive Officer to use a guideline for the process and criteria in evaluating potential placements for facilities that are leased and owned by the County of Los Angeles.

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